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THE COUNTY UNIT EXTENSION BILL

Speculation As to Its Fate Excites Interest.

THERE ARE VARIOUS OPINIONS

While the Liquor Interests Say They Will Be Able to Muster a Majority in the Senate Opposed to the Bill, Friends of the Measure, With Equal Confidence, Are Declaring It Will Pass.—Other Legislative Notes.

Frankfort, Ky., Jan. 23.—What will the senate do with the county unit extension bill? That is the question that is exciting most interest in Frankfort, just now, among the politicians and members of the legislature. The house hustled the bill along and passed it in record-breaking time last Friday. The bill now will go to the senate and the backers of it will try to have the bill given its first and second readings on Monday and Tuesday and then go to the committee. The backers of the bill say that the senate will act as quickly as the house did.

One thing is reasonably certain this time; the bill will not be held out in committee and juggled with by the committee in efforts for delay. The committee, which is called county unit, is composed of all temperance men, except one, Senator Huffaker. The committee is favorable to the immediate passage of the bill as soon as it can take the regular course. Heretofore in past sessions, the committee on religion and morals, composed of men opposed to the passage of the county unit bill, has held out the bill until the last possible gasp, which was the day of adjournment two and four years ago. This time the committee will let the bill come out and no effort will be made by those opposed to the bill prevent it being reported.

An interested man, who keeps close to the senators, makes the confident assertion that the county unit extension bill will be beaten in the senate. He said that there would not be any effort to delay it but that it would be put to a vote on the floor of the senate, and defeated there. The liquor interests wear an air of confidence and say that they will be able to muster a majority in the senate opposed to the passage of the bill.

The bill which passed is known as the Niles county unit bill. Mr. Niles, who is the representative from Henderson, was the first man in the house to introduce the bill. Several more have been offered since, but as Mr. Niles offered the first, it is his measure which has been sent to the senate, so that he may have the honor of having the bill called by his name, if it should pass. The senate will be the scene of a lively fight when the bill does come up for passage.

Republican members of the legislature, in the small minority at the present session, suddenly jumped into the limelight last week as factors in the game of politics that is being played at the present time. The Republicans are only a handful, but there are some insurgent Democrats not at all enthusiastic about the administration. If the insurgents and the Republicans should unite the administration would have a hard row to hoe to get through the legislation that is desired. Only once has this combination worked together, and on that occasion it was triumphant, winning over the regulars, in a modification of the rules.

It is claimed that the elimination of the two-thirds rule in the house, which change was effected through the coalition of the insurgent Democrats with the Republicans, gives the insurgents a chance to get through some measures that they may want. There is a deal of talk here, for instance, that the so-called administration forces are not in favor of a compulsory primary law, although this is denied. The majority rule, by which the regular order can be suspended at any time by a majority vote only, takes power away from the rules committee and is said to insure the passage of a compulsory state primary law.

The Republicans, after announcing their intention of standing as a unit to fight for a redistricting bill, seem to have been struck with panic when the reports rolled in from out in the state. The Republicans who had attended the caucus rushed into print to deny that they had favored any such program. They held several other caucuses before the county unit bill was taken up by a member of the Republican unit bill, this morning and not

a political question. Eltram Brown and John G. Stoll of Lexington were the only Republicans to vote against the passage of the bill when it finally came to a test, although some of the Republicans voted for delay.

It seems to be certain that the Republicans have tried to formulate some plan of blocking legislation on the administration bills, until a fair redistricting bill is passed. The minority hopes to be able to effect a coalition with the insurgent Democrats that may be a power in the house. But it looks now like the Republicans cannot be held in line on measures considered in secret caucus. Thus far they have not cut much figure in the session.

When Representative W. J. Jackson of Hickman county appeared at the governor's reception the other night with his whiskers inside his shirt instead of on the outside, the members of the legislature who had heard of the Jackson whiskers but had never seen them were disappointed. They had thought that Mr. Jackson, who is proud of his whiskers, would consider the reception a gala occasion and display the whiskers. He said he had not had them on the outside of his shirt during the last two years, and did not know that he would show them at the present session, although it has been his custom to swing them in the breeze at least once at each of the sessions when he is a member. Mr. Jackson has whiskers forty-two inches long. He has never shaved in his life, although, when he was a young man in the Confederate army he kept his whiskers closely clipped with a pair of scissors.

The governor's reception, by the way, was an enjoyable affair and nearly every member of the two houses of the legislature and most of the people of Frankfort attended, although they had to wade through several inches of melting snow to reach the mansion. The governor is going to hold these public receptions every other Wednesday during the session of the legislature. The custom prevailed when he was governor more than thirty years ago, and the receptions of the governor then have been famous ever since. Governor McCreary says he feels sad when he enters the mansion now and especially at a public reception in the old building, as his wife is no longer with him to manage things for him. The governor was a devoted husband and has never fully recovered from the sadness caused by his wife's death only a few years ago.

State officials are not pleased with the rules of the senate which, for the first time in many years, if ever, bar the officials from the floor of the senate. The feeling against Lieutenant Governor McDermott is rather strong, as the resolution allowing the state officials, who were elected on the same ticket with Governor McDermott, the privileges of the floor was defeated by the presiding officer of the senate. The vote was a tie, standing 18 to 18, and Governor McDermott voted against the resolution. The officials of the state, the auditor, secretary of state, and others, resent the implication that they have no place on the floor of the senate. They say they were elected by the votes of the people as was Governor McDermott, whom they hold responsible for the rule excluding them.

So much of a storm was stirred up by the proposed plan to have the senate opened with some show of ceremony that the lieutenant governor abandoned any effort to put through the resolution. He wanted the sergeant-at-arms to rap three times before the opening of the senate, at which signal the members of the senate were to rise and stand while the presiding officer entered the senate and took his place. This was the modification of the plan to have the entrance of the lieutenant governor announced with a great flourish. Senator Eaton, who is president pro tem of the senate, was asked about the resolution making the entrance of the lieutenant governor conspicuous. He said:

"If they want the resolution offered I will offer it and will vote for it, but I want to say that when I preside there will be no such foolishness."

The flood of bills in the senate is the surprise of the session. The house is expected to put in a big pile of new bills, covering everything from nine-foot sheets to appropriations for a million dollars, but the senate, with but little more than one-third the number of members, is expected to go slow. But they haven't. They have been introducing bills at such a lively rate that they have almost as many as the house now, with the end not yet in sight. There are nearly 200 bills in the senate, with something over 200 in the house. The printer, unable to stand up under the flood, is catching the mischief, as usual, and the members have already begun to introduce resolutions of inquiry regarding their pet measures, which have been hung up. It would take the government printing office to get out the bills that have been put in thus far in a day less than a month. A bill to abolish drunkenness is the

ambitious program of one of the house members, and this is only one of the many measures relating to liquor, its use and sale. There are many county unit bills and some that amend the present laws so as to make wet precincts wet if the county votes wet, even though the precinct votes dry. At present if the county votes wet and a precinct dry the precinct stays dry, but if the county votes dry every precinct in the county is dry, no matter how many may have voted wet, as precincts.

This session may be marked by much railroad legislation and a great number of bills have been offered regulating the operation of trains. One bill, which is aimed at automobile owners and drivers, is wide enough to cover drivers of locomotives. The bill provides that if the driver of any motor-driven vehicle, which includes railroad locomotives, by carelessness, kills any person, the penalty shall be from two to twenty-one years in the penitentiary. A fine is provided in case the person is only injured and not killed. A surprise was sprung, however, when it was announced that the railroads had agreed to accept the terms of a bill drawn by Lawrence Finn of the state railroad commission extending the powers of the railroad commission so that it can do many things that the commission cannot do at present.

Ice Still In The River.

River traffic between Cloverport and Tinsport is still on a stand-still as the river is still full of ice. Ferryman Weatherholt has braved the situation since the gorge broke, but others are afraid to cross. "The Golden Girl" still graces Clover Creek, waiting for the river to clear up so she can make a trial trip. Ice around "Jimmie" was dynamited Sunday and other yachts in the river were looked after satisfactorily.

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Commissioner's Sales.

Commissioner Lee Walls sold the following property at the Court House door Monday. L. J. Dent tract 50 acres near Rosetta, for \$360. Mary Oelze house and lot, Cloverport, \$1,600 to H. A. Oelze. Bell tract of land 175 acres to Robt. Hendrick for \$950. LeGrand tract 110 acres to Thos. Stinnett for \$349.

FINDS OLD LETTER

Earl Bennett Has Letter To His Grand-Father, T. J. Lewis, Written Thirty-Four Years Ago By a Citizen Of Planter's Hall.

A letter of unusual interest was found by Earl Bennett, the grand-son of T. J. Lewis, who was representative in the legislature from Breckenridge county in the year of 1878. It is as follows:

Planter's Hall, Ky., Feb. 22, 1878. Dear Sir: Having a few leisure moments I concluded to write you a brief letter, having heard nothing directly from you for sometime. I feel anxious to know, as busibodies generally do, what you are doing up there.

Our community is tolerable healthy this winter, though occasionally there is a case of sickness. Samuel Pate has been very low for several weeks with typhoid fever. Robert Mattingly's oldest daughter died on the 16th., and Mrs. L. E. Wheatley died on the 18th. of this month.

We are having a great deal of rainy weather, keeping farmers back with their work. There has been but little tobacco sold in the neighborhood as yet. Ferd is buying some little of the late, paying from 4 to 4 1/2 for the leaf and from 1 to 1 1/2 for lugs. Well, I do not know of any news of the neighborhood that would interest you.

I would like to see you and have a talk with you and tell you just what I would like for you to do before you adjourn.

I want you to abolish the criminal court and abolish the Quarterly court. Empower to county Judge to try all criminals in 15 days after they are arrested and save so much jail expenses and Judge Murray's expenses. He is the man that said if he was to vote for you it would be voting bread out of the children's mouths. Give us a chance to vote on road tax. Re-district our county and have six justices in the county, increase their jurisdiction so as to induce qualified men to run for the

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Banking House and Lot	1,800.00
Other Real Estate	2,013.67
Furniture and Fixtures	400.00
Total,	\$372,605.84

Liabilities

Capital Stock paid in	\$50,000.00
Surplus, earned	20,000.00
Undivided Profits	2,529.30
Dividend No. 43, 5 ^{Per} Cent	2,500.00
Amount due depositors	297,576.54
Total	\$372,605.84

WE invite the careful attention of the prudent depositor to the details of this statement, to an investigation of our twenty-one years of banking, the manner in which we have treated our patrons and the service we have given them. We invite the small accounts as well as the large ones and have ample means to take care of the legitimate needs of both large and small. We act as administrator, guardian, trustee and in every fiduciary capacity. Absolute security and accurate, painstaking service are the foundation of our business. These we guarantee to all our patrons.

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Well, I guess that is as many laws as you care to pass for my benefit. I will

be glad when you get home. It seems like one of our best friends was gone. Tell Dr. Meador to be a good boy while up there and not to eat any dirt. I heard from his wife a few days ago.

She is getting along very well.

Farewell, Respectfully,

G. W. Carwile to J. T. Lewis. Write to me soon and send me paper with acts in it.